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Irrigation Projects

5739. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major and medium irrigation projects cleared by the Union Government during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of irrigation projects in Assam pending with the Union Government for clearance; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDHYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a). 8 major irrigation projects, one each from Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, 2 from Punjab, and 3 from Rajasthan were given investment clearance. In addition, 2 medium projects one each from Orissa and Himachal Pradesh have been approved by the Planning Commission for investment. Also, techno-economic appraisal of 47 major and 25 medium irrigation projects was completed by Central Water Commission during the last three years.

(b) and (c). After completion of techno-economic appraisal, the Advisory Committee considered one major irrigation project namely Pagladiya in July, 1990. The Brahmaputra Board has been directed to modify the project report by including hydro power and ground water utilisation aspects and secure environment and forest clearance. In addition, 2 medium irrigation projects namely Burisuti and Garufalla received in December and September, 1990 respectively were examined and comments sent to the State Governments for compliance. The State Government are required to modify the project report acceptable to the Central Water Commission.

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Local S.T.D. Facility in Kerala

5740. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to provide local STD facility from Kulathupuzha and Kadakkal Exchanges to link Taluk headquarters in Punalur and Kottarakare respectively in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a). No, Sir.

(b). Group Dialling facility is not technically permissible from Kulathupuzha and Kadakkal to their Taluka headquarters Punalur and Kottarakara.

S.T.D. facility is planned for Kulathupuzha and Kodakkal exchange by the end of the 8th plan period.

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Linking of District Headquarters by S.T.D. in Haryana

5741. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all district headquarters in Haryana have been linked through STD facility; and

(b) if not, the time by which they are likely to be linked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a). No, Sir.